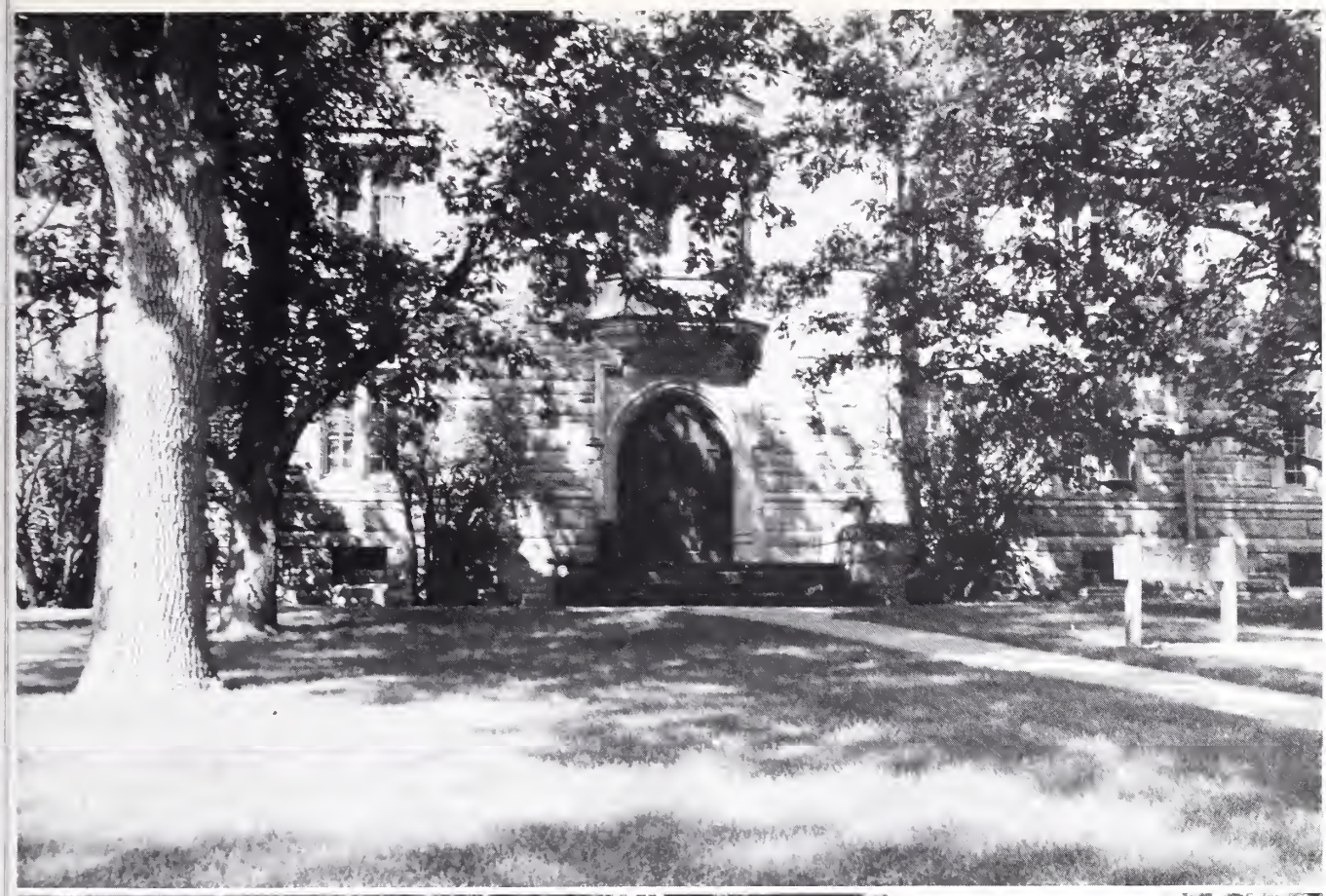
1967

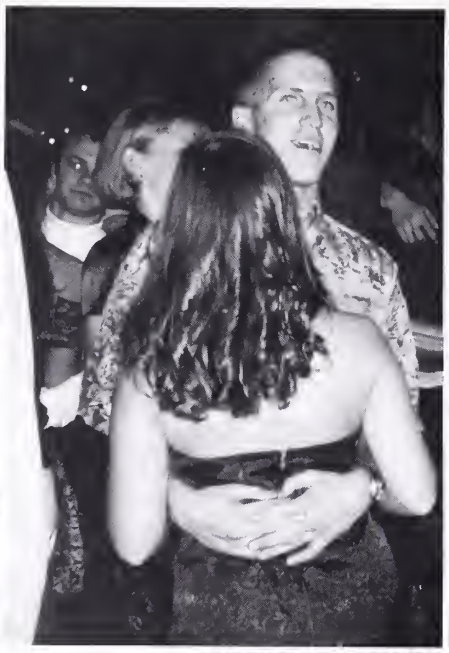
THE YELLOWSTONE

RMC American Indian Student Services



The Yellowstone 1997

Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, Montana 59102



FAR WEST
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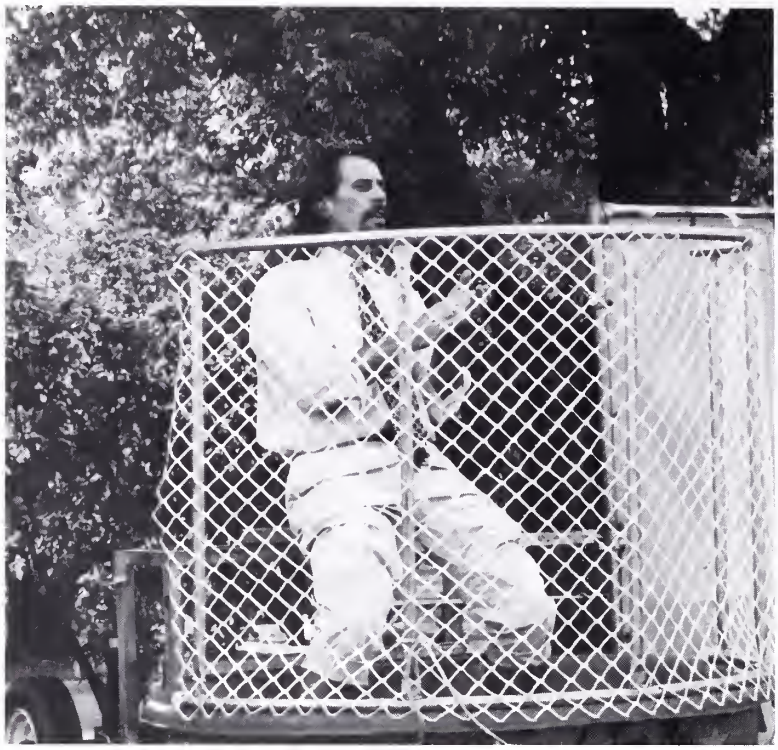
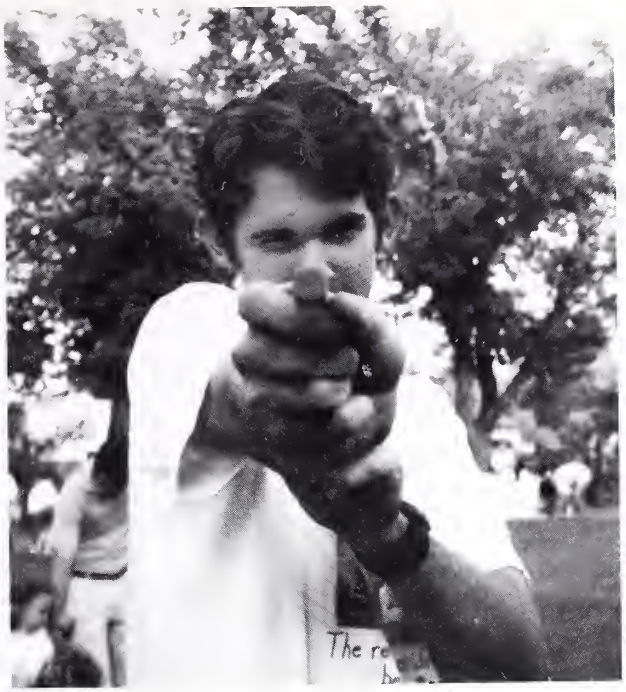
Orientation 1996

Carnival on the Rocky Green

Suitin' up for SUMMO Wrestling!

Daring Dean Dunked

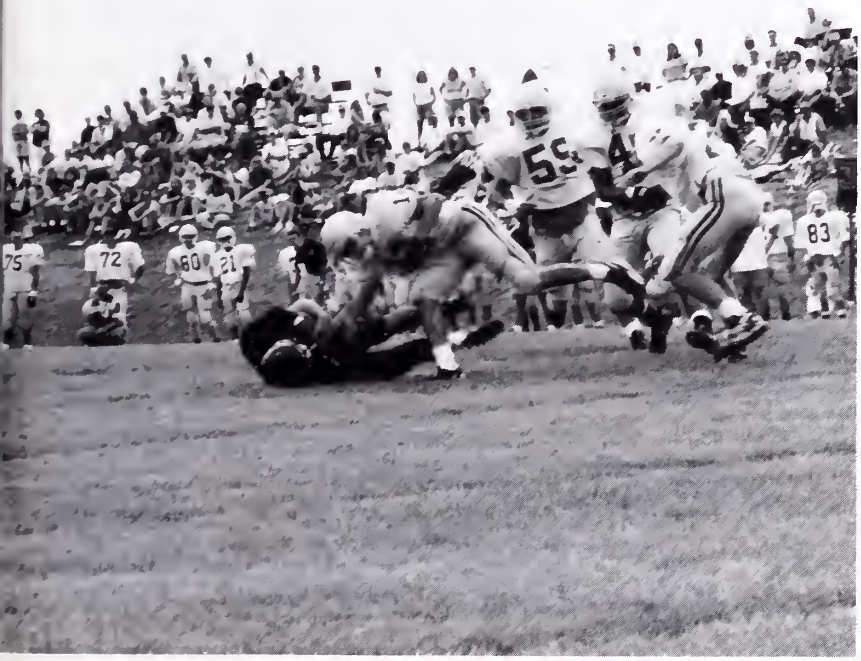




STARS OF THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

Home coming 1996

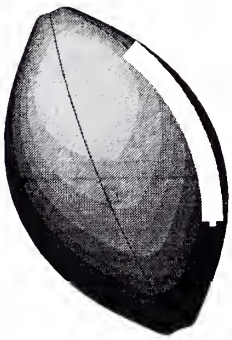
We fought, we crushed, we conquered



Bears beat Dickinson
in Heat Wave

GO
BEARS
ATHLE
TOTAL

Homecoming Parade

Powder  Puff

Football

Academic Awards Banquet
Spring 1997

An outstanding student in each academic area is chosen by faculty to be honored and recognized at this annual dinner.

(At right) Seniors Dora Harman, art, and Kris Pierson, aviation, are the President's Cup recipients.

(Below) Senior Ellie Oberly is selected as the outstanding health and physical education student.

Paul Steele smiles and shows off his English as a Second Language Award.

(At left) Junior Jessica Olson hugs Professor Elizabeth McNamer after receiving the Students for Academic Success Award.

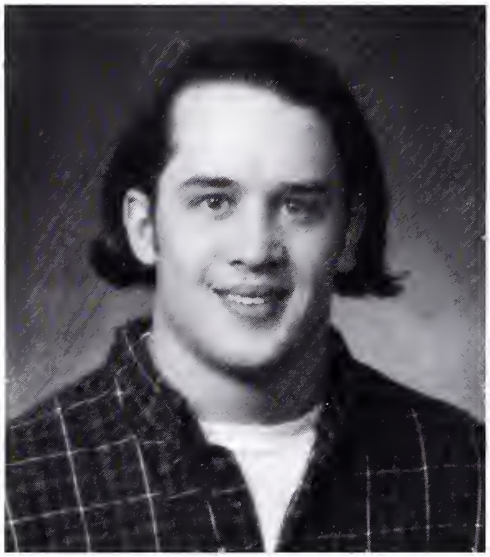
(Below) Professor Linaya Leaf presents the English Departmental Award to Senior Roni Scott.

Senior Connie Jensen walks away with the Education Award.

Graduates

Break open the bottle! **We made it!**

1997



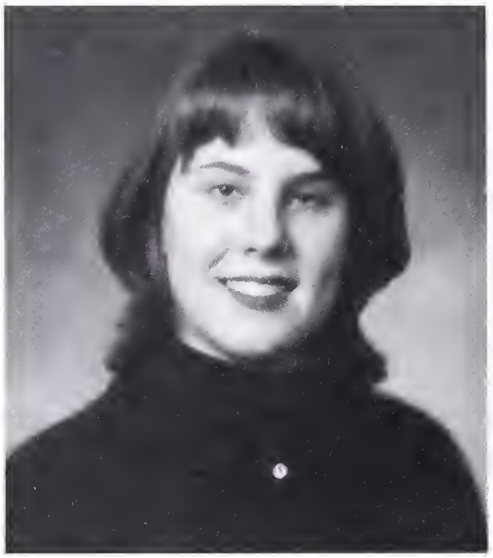
Yuko Amano
Bill Brehm

Margaret Burns
Casey Choate

Kathy Cochrane
Jeff Davis

Shawna Denowh
Holly Evans

Dalayna Faught
Tammy Fraser



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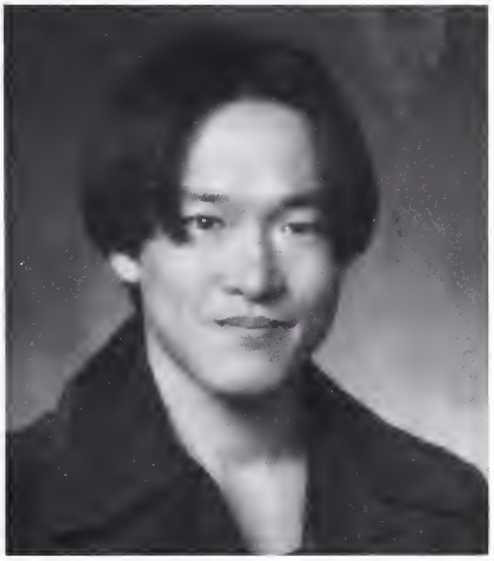
Jennie Guidi

Lisa Harlan
Dora Harman

Dawn Harmon
Marcine Holzer



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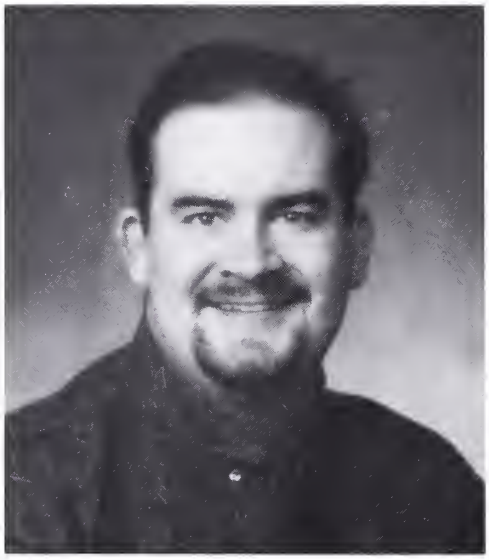
Yoichi Isoda

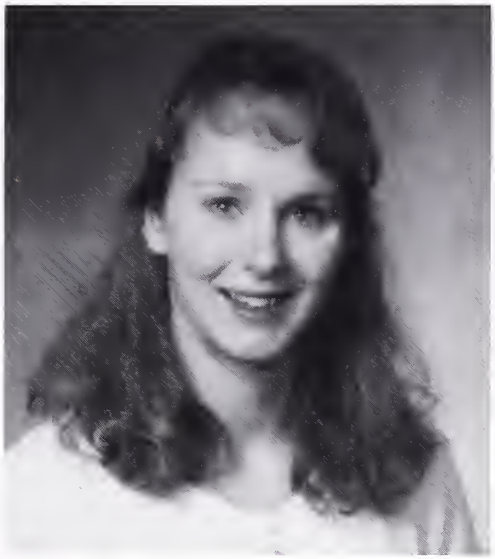
Julie Kelso
Neil Kidwell

Jennifer King
Futoshi Koike



Stephanie Lilley
Matt Lundin

Brian Moran
Tammy Moran



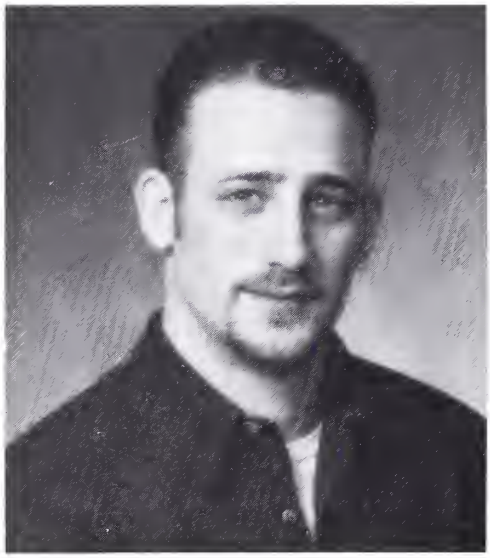
Ryuhei Morimoto
Ellie Oberly

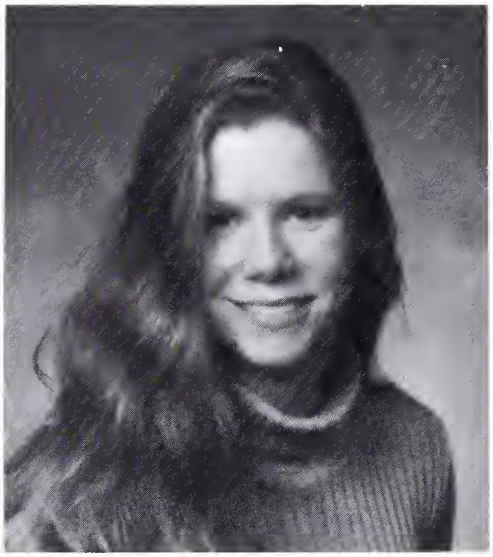
Kristofer Pierson
Rachel Rex

Susan Scheidt
Jule Sheppard

Ben Slinkard
Stephanie Stringari

Tara Sylvester
Takasei Uenoyama





Tony Ursino
Gretchen Wagner

Katie Wagner
Staci Williams

Jamie Wrzesinski
Karen Yamada

Aiko Yamanaka

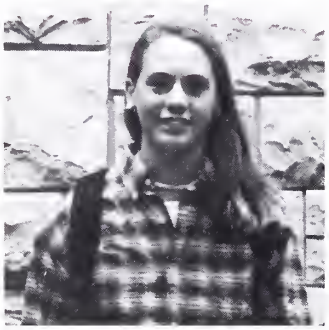
Casey Choate
Rachel Rex
Holly Evans
Shauna Lencowh
Tallaynea Tanegot
Marc Wiggins
Jennifer L. Kirz
Jeffrey Davis
Susan Schedl
Greg Dooley
Benjamin Slinkard
Mitchell Wagner
Staci M. Williams
Neil Kidwell
Margaret Burns
Stephane Stungari
Lisa Harlan
Dora Harman
Shawn Beath
Ai Yamanaka
Tonya
Ellie Opsly
Yoi Bode
Marcine Holzer
Karin Yamada
Julie R Kelso
Jamie Wrzesinski
Tara L. Sylvester
Jessica M. Amacker
Crystal Guidi
Kristi M Pierce
Jule Sheppard
Jennie Guidi
Jammy Fraser
Ayako Smand
Kathy Cochrane

1997 IS LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN COLLEGE'S HISTORY!

One hundred fifty-two students crossed the stage during the 1997 commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 10. Commencement speaker was Daniel J. Boorstin, Librarian of Congress from 1975-1987, historian, Pulitzer-prize winning author and public servant. RMC President Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr., considers Boorstin to be one of the greatest American historians of the 20th Century.

The *Outrageous* Students

of Rocky Mountain College



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Donald Ahnee
Traci Ames

Jessica Anacker
Kirby Anderson
Kory Anderson

Jennifer Andrew
Patty Armstrong
Bryce Arnold

Affan Arslanagic
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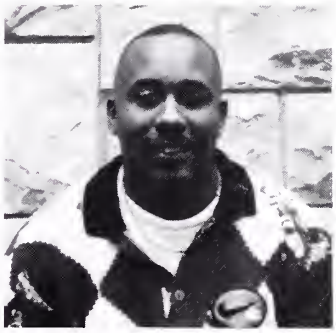
Emily Barker

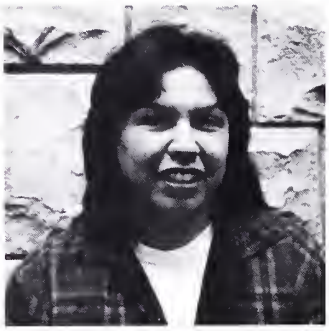
Kelly Baxter
Jill Bodensteiner
Jason Bouslaugh

Cody Brantz
Adrianne Burmeister
Brock Carpenter



Josh Charles
April Christensen
DeMarcus Clear

Carolyn Coefield
Molly Collins
Colin Connor



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Faye Del Mundo

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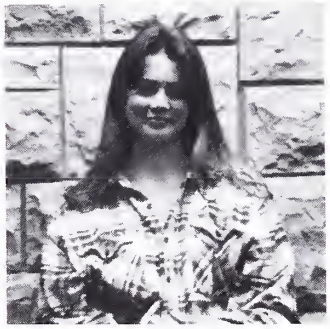
Ashley Durham

Lark Eelkema
Tracy Elletson
Chris Fryberg



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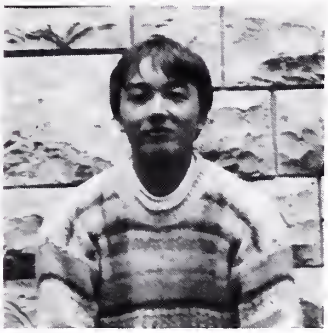
Alycia Goggin-Weighter
Wendy Goodheart

Jimmy Graham
Roni Graham
Nate Greenig



Jim Grow
Takayuki Hanamura
Sam Hannah

Ty Harden
Cory Heggem
Kyla Holzer

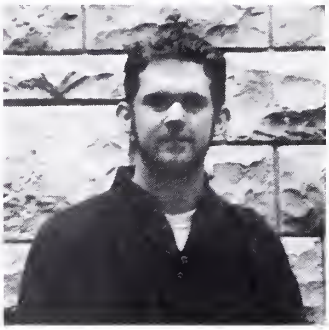
Chris Horn
Johnny Horn
Jen Humphrey

Erica Johnson
Brian Kenat
Kasey Konesky

Huston McMillan
Dana Milton
Mylinda Monroe

Kevin Morey
Loretta Murphy
Natasha Natalya

Jarrod Neckels
Karen Neilson
Mike Neimeyer



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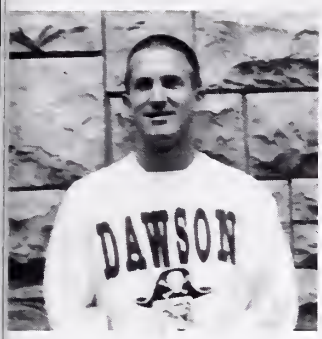
Mark Nitz
Mike Noble

Jon Nuss
Kurt Obersteadt
Corbett Owen



Joe Peterson
Dave Plymale
Heather Rathbun

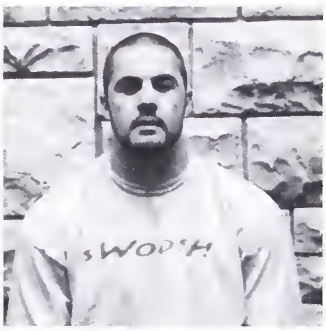
Jennifer Reiter
Nicole Reitz
Shelly Retzlaff

Eric Riley
Christine Schmitt
Sarah Scott

Dirk Shuland
Darren Smiley
Shannon Smith

Wendy Smithson
Ethan Stapp
Cheri Stolberg

Becky Strohmeyer
Jeff Tamblyn
Randi Tanglen



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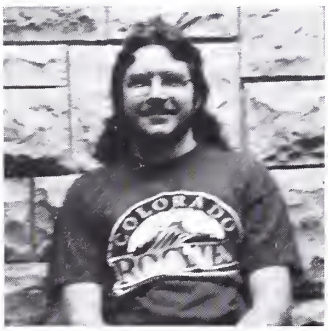
Chris Tracy
Clarence Turner

Luke Twibell
Melanie Veach
Mike Verbonac

Drew vonLintel
Cindy Wilondek
Geoff Wilson



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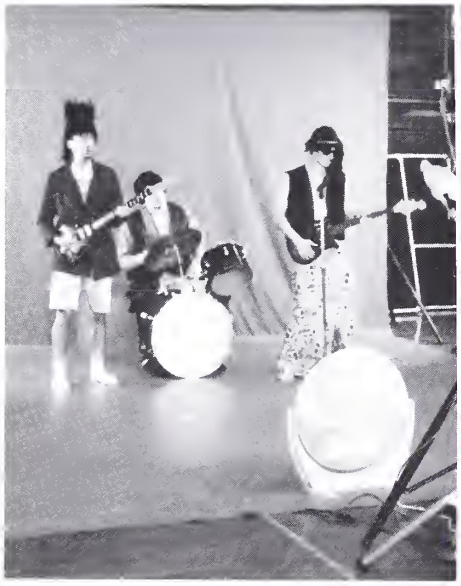
Shinji Yamasaki
Ryan Zerr

ROCKY

ASR Pres



MC ents

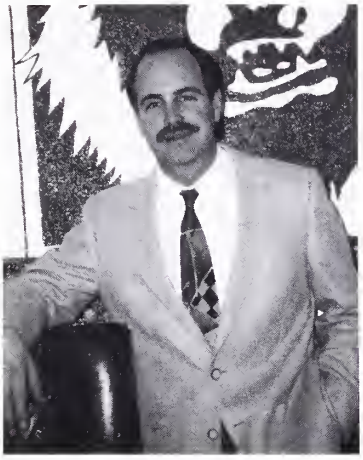
lip sync 96

CHRISTMAS FORMAL

Students put last minute touches on decorations for the dance.

Holiday Cheer

Staff and Faculty



Bart Andrus
Football

Paul Arbetan
Biology

Jim Baken
Art

Clarece Ball
PE and Health

Donna Barone
Ad. Asst. to
Academic Dean

Sandy Barz
Accounting

Cynthia Becker
Counselor

Deb Bergeson-Graham
Chaplain

Ken Briggs
International
Student Advisor

Leon Bruner
Central Operations

June Butler
Advancement

Jay Cassel
Philosophy and
Religious Thought

John Cech
VP of Community
Services

Judy Chapman
Financial Aid Director

Vickie Christie
Speech Cmmunications

Caroline Chvilicek
Business Office

Ron Cochran
Sociology/Anthropology

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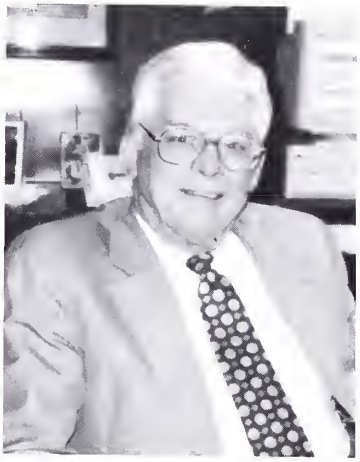
SAS

Birdie Dapples
Computer Science
and Math



Gary DeMille
Outdoor Recreation

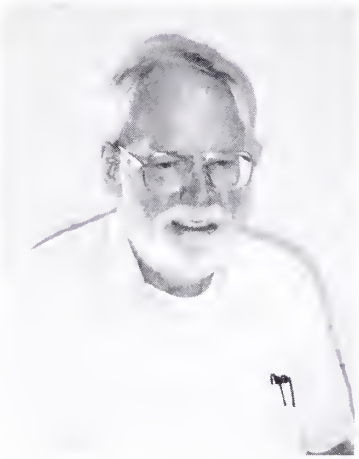
Arthur DeRosier
President

Linda DeRosier
Psychology

Nancy Downing
PE and Health

Ken Egan
English

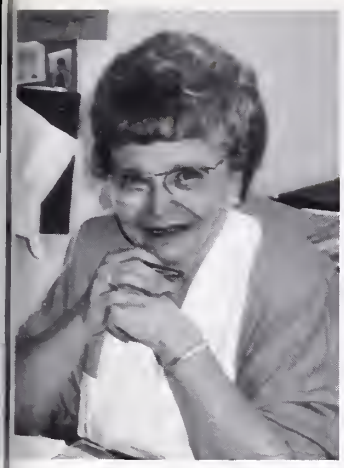
Joyce Folgert
Elementary Education



Jessica Francischetti
Financial Aid

Craig Gould
Director of Admissions

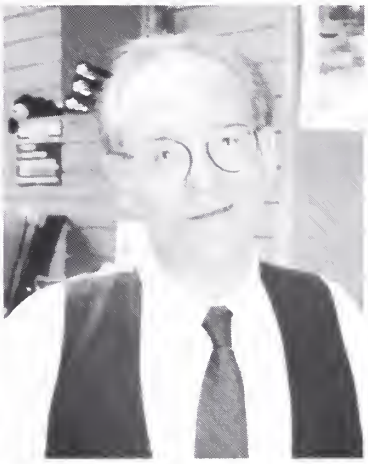
Ray Graham
Chemistry



Beverly Gray
Community Services

Tricia Hansen
Community Services

JoAnne Haverland
Student Services
Services



Carolyn Hayter
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Cindy Hessler
Personnel

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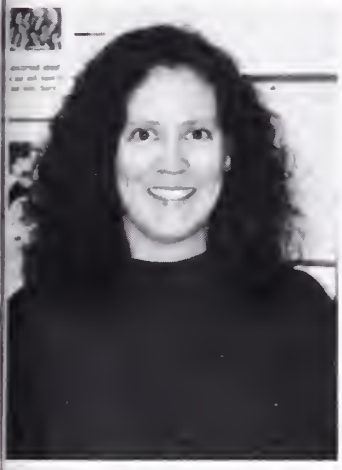
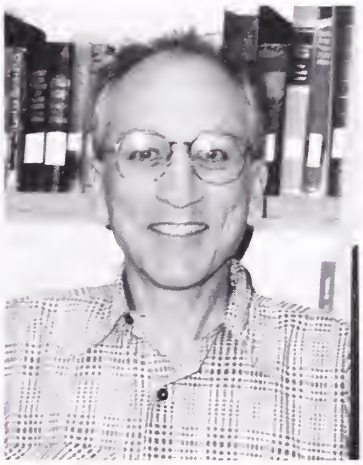
Bookstore



Cristi Hunnes
Chemistry and Biology

Jan Jelinek
Library

Kitty Joyce
Foreign Language



Audrey Jurovich
Nurse

Bill Kehler
Library

Anne Knapp
VP for Institutional
Advancement

Jennifer Knowles
Admissions

Nancy Krogh
Registrar

Rob Levrant
Residence Life Directo

Ellen Marten
Grants

Rod Marten
Computer Science

Susan McDaniel
VP of Academics

Doc McDowell
Business/Economics

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Claire Oakley
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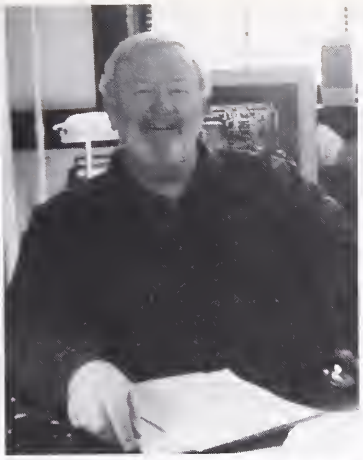
Carole Peterson
Registrar's Secretary

Jon Phillips
VP of Finance



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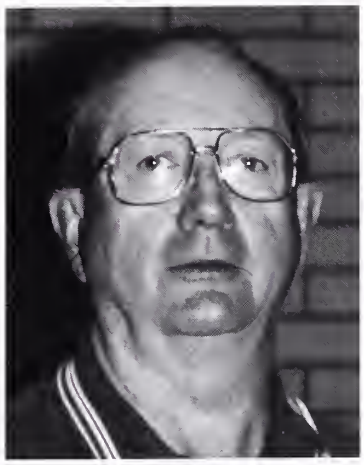
Equestrian Studies

Bob Robertson
Personnel

Paul Roper
PE and Health



Bernie Rose
Business/Economics

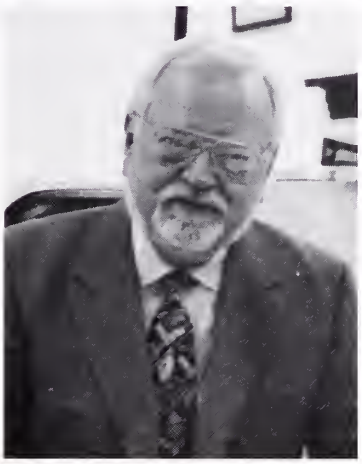
Bill Ryan
Athletic Director

Susan Stewart
Controller

Stephane Stringari
Cashier

Larry Swain
Academic Computing

Lyssa Thaden
Admissions



Martha Thompson
Financial Aid

Obert Undem
Advancement

Jane Van Dyk
SAS

Deb Wiens
Math

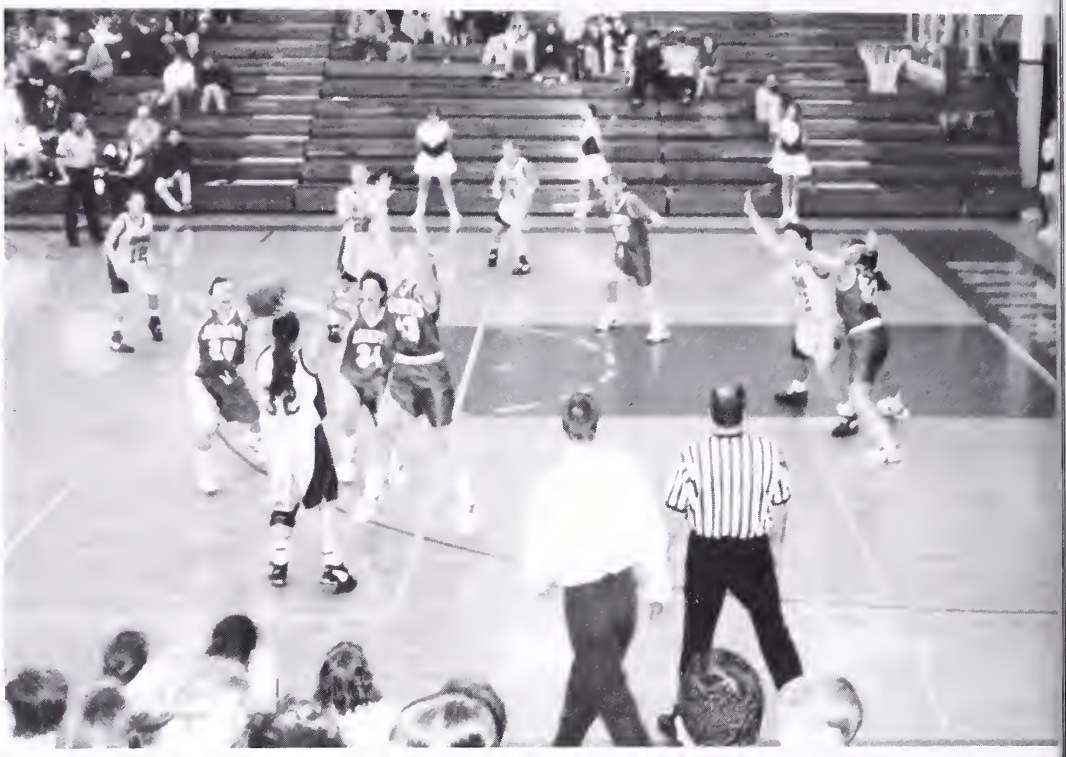
Virginia Williams
President's Admin. Asst

Lisa Wyss
Career Planning

1996

Battling Bears Have Winning Season

Head Coach Bart Andrus brought the Bears out of a 41-game losing streak, as the team ended the season with a 6-4 record. Andrus resigned his position after only one season to accept a job with the Houston Oilers of the National Football League.



Results:

Bears vs.	South Dakota Tech	78-82	L
Bears vs.	Black Hills State	71-67	W
Bears vs.	Northwest Nazarene	78-58	W
Bears vs.	Minot State University	64-58	W
Bears vs.	South Dakota Tech	54-58	L
Bears vs.	Black Hills State	74-69	W
Bears vs.	MSU-Billings	58-61	L
Bears vs.	University of Mary	64-57	W
Bears vs.	Montana Tech	56-62	L
Bears vs.	Montana Tech	79-66	W
Bears vs.	South Dakota Tech	68-75	L
Bears vs.	Black Hills State	71-83	L
Bears vs.	Western Montana	79-57	W
Bears vs.	Western Montana	88-73	W
Bears vs.	Carroll College	73-64	W
Bears vs.	Carroll College	79-50	W
Bears vs.	MSU-Northern	58-71	L
Bears vs.	MSU-Northern	65-51	W
Bears vs.	Montana Tech	75-62	W
Bears vs.	Montana Tech	69-48	W
Bears vs.	Western Montana	68-54	W
Bears vs.	Western Montana	62-75	L
Bears vs.	MSU-Billings	61-78	L
Bears vs.	Carroll College	64-69	L
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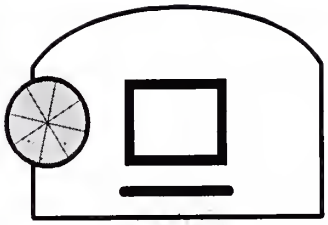
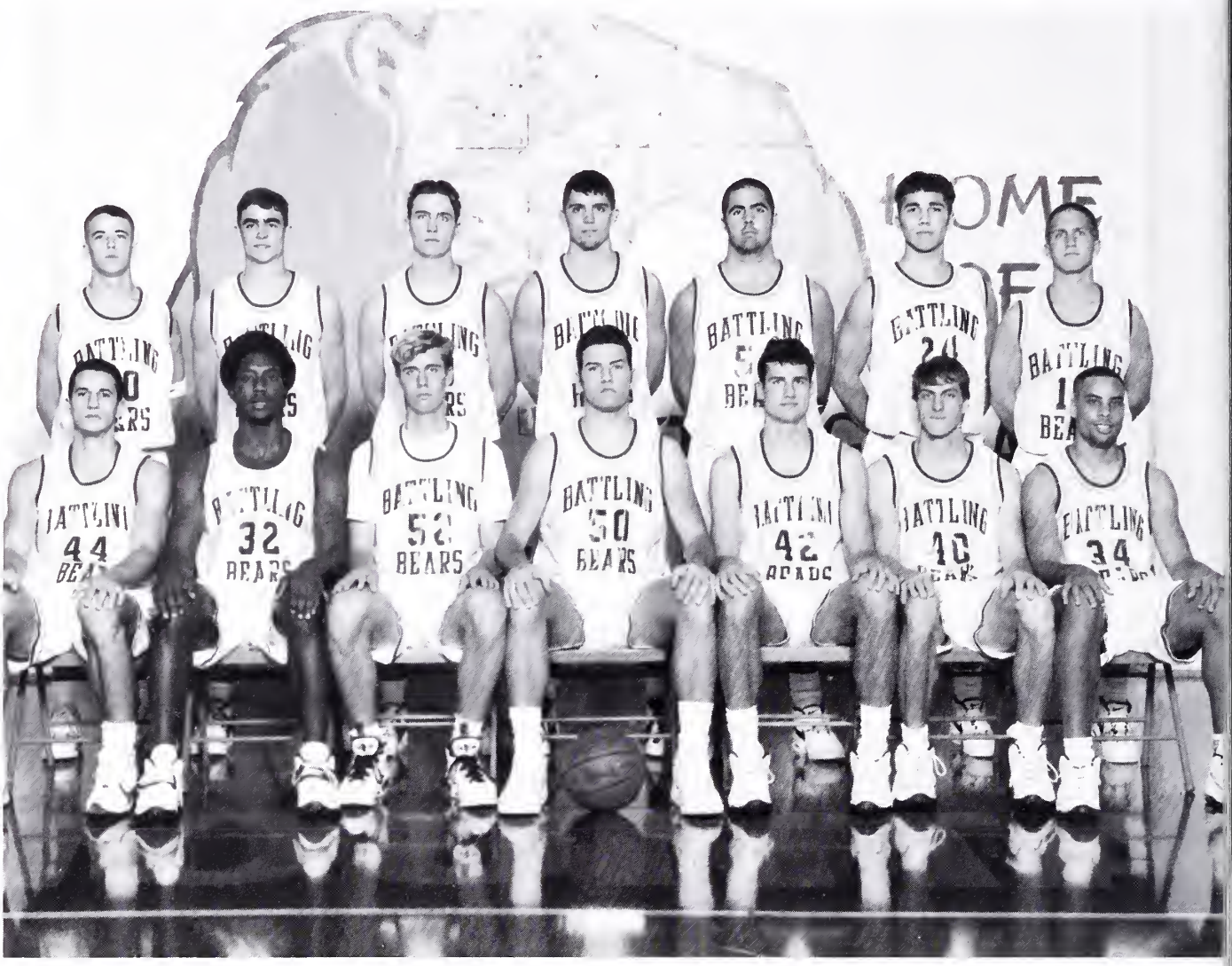
Bears vs.	MSU-Northern	52-71	L
Bears vs.	MSU-Northern	69-76	L

Women's Basketball



Intensity...
Integrity...
Intelligence

Men's Basketball



Players: Top (l-r) Jimmy Graham, Brandon Bantz, Derek Silvius, TJ Wasson, Austin Tait, Nate Greenig, Joe Peterson. Back (l-r) Teddy Russinov, Victor Morton, Cory Heggem, Jason Bouslaugh, Eli Meccage, Ty Orton, and Everett Ratleff.

Battlin' Bears Basketball Year in Review

The Battlin' Bears had some bright spots and some not so bright spots this season. As usual they played a pretty tough schedule against NCAA Division I MSU-Bozeman, top rated NCAA Division II Morningside University, University of South Dakota and MSU-Billings. Along with several NAIA powerhouses such as Biola University, Northwest Nazarene College, Willamette University and Lewis-Clark State.

The Bears were led by junior guard Everett Ratleff who averaged 17.7 points per game and 3.5 assists a game -- both team highs. Also a leader for the Bears was senior forward Teddy Russinov who averaged 16.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game which also was a team high. Teddy was quite a crowd pleaser with his prolific dunks!

One of the Bears' biggest wins of the season was over Northwest Nazarene College on December 20, 95-91. This was not only a big win for the team, but also Coach Garry Matlock, an alumus of Northwest Nazarene. The Bears posted a 9-5 record on their home court; but the road proved to be the nemesis for them as they finished the season 5-14. The Bears will be looking forward to next season as they return six players from the roster.

November				
8	RMC	vs.	Coventry Crusaders, England	95-69
9	RMC	vs.	Black Hills State University	82-80
15	RMC	vs.	Northwest Nazarene College	85-101
16	RMC	vs.	Coventry Crusaders, England	83-57
22	RMC	vs.	Morningside University	67-97
23	RMC	vs.	University of South Dakota	66-95
29	RMC	vs.	Biola University	61-87
30	RMC	vs.	Willamette University	87-85
December				
4	RMC	vs.	MSU-Billings	91-97
5	RMC	vs.	MSU-Bozeman	77-91
6	RMC	vs.	Dickinson State University	95-80
7	RMC	vs.	Lewis-Clark State	89-71
13	RMC	vs.	Montana Tech	61-77
14	RMC	vs.	Montana Tech	78-90
20	RMC	vs.	Northwest Nazarene	95-91
28	RMC	vs.	South Dakota Tech	87-75
30	RMC	vs.	Black Hills State	72-83
January				
3	RMC	vs.	Western Montana	86-84
4	RMC	vs.	Western Montana	97-89
10	RMC	vs.	Carroll College	66-94
11	RMC	vs.	Carroll College	82-95
17	RMC	vs.	MSU-Northern	74-86
18	RMC	vs.	MSU-Northern	74-72
22	RMC	vs.	MSU-Billings	101-119
31	RMC	vs.	Montana Tech	83-66
February				
1	RMC	vs.	Montana Tech	83-51
7	RMC	vs.	Western Montana	67-68
8	RMC	vs.	Western Montana	84-69
14	RMC	vs.	Carroll College	90-93
15	RMC	vs.	Carroll College	79-83
20	RMC	vs.	MSU-Northern	70-90
21	RMC	vs.	MSU-Northern	67-96
26	RMC	vs.	Montana Tech (playoff)	76-72
27	RMC	vs.	MSU-Northern (playoff)	69-96

Overall Record:14-19 Conference Record: 6-10

VOLLEYBALL

The 1996 season found the Bears chasing a Frontier Conference Championship. Having qualified for the playoffs for a second consecutive year with a 4-4 conference record, 14-15 overall. The Bears fell short, losing in the first round of the playoffs against Western Montana College in five games. Nonetheless, it was a year that the team proved again to be one of the top teams in the conference.

Three players were selected for the all-conference team. Allie Wright was selected for the second year to the 1st team. Both Diana Smith and Christine Schmitt were chosen for the 2nd team. The academic all-conference team included Marcine Holzer, Jenny Reiter and Jill Bodensteiner.

Team Highlights

~Set Assists	59/Sheridan College
~Attack %	.381 Eastern Oregon
~Kills	71/Montana Tech
~Aces	17/Sheridan college
~Digs	103/MSU-Northern
~Blocks	21/Montana Tech

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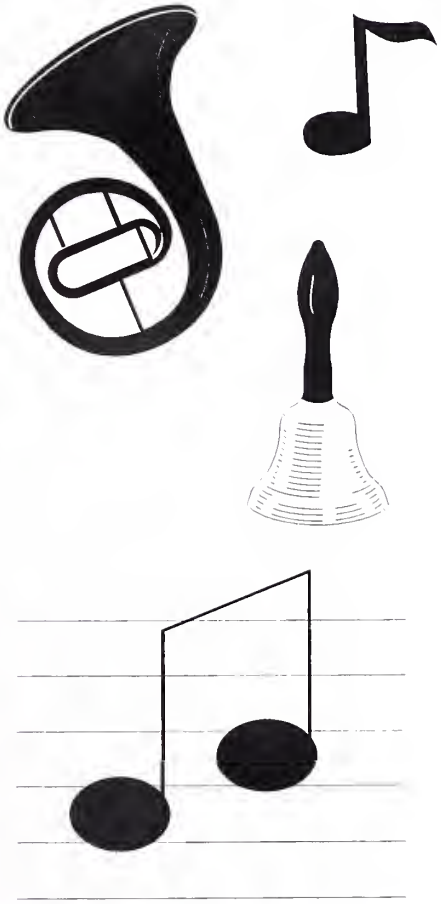
Rocky Mountain College

Choir and Band



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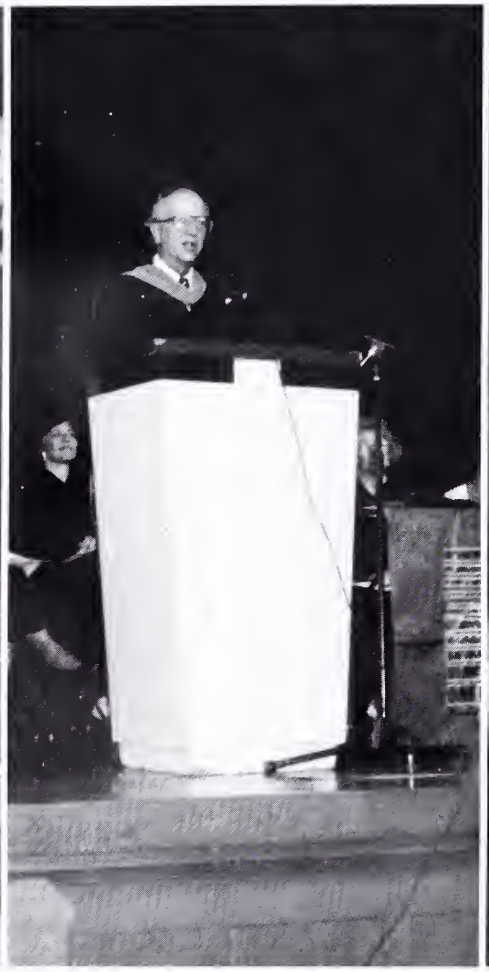

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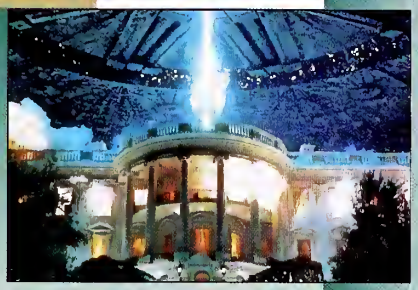

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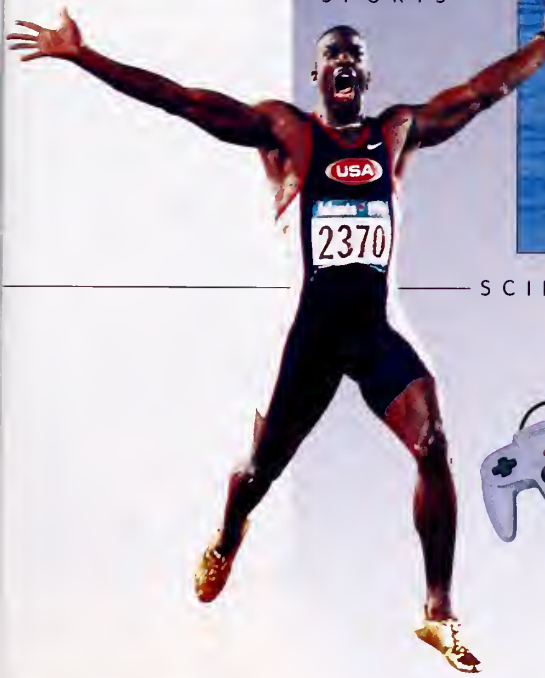

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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.

AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

Reuters/Archive Photos

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.

AP/Wide World

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The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

AP/Wide World

Reuters/Archive Photos

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."

AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

AP/Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."

Tim Graham, Sygma

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

AP/Wide World

Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.

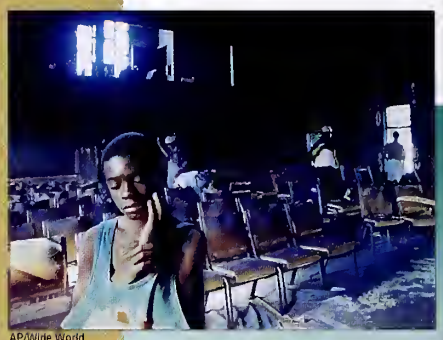
Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.

Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.

AP/Wide World

Reuters/Archive Photos

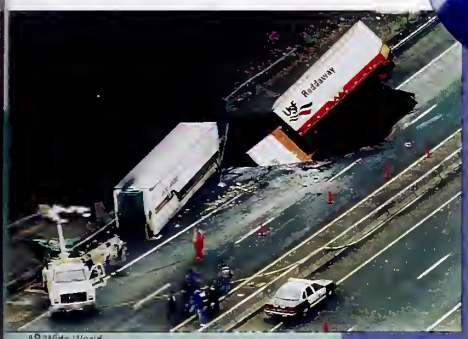
William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.

Jonathan Team, Zuma

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards $8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $12.5 million in punitive damages.

AP/Wide World

The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



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Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

AP/Wide World

Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing $3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.

Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.

Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

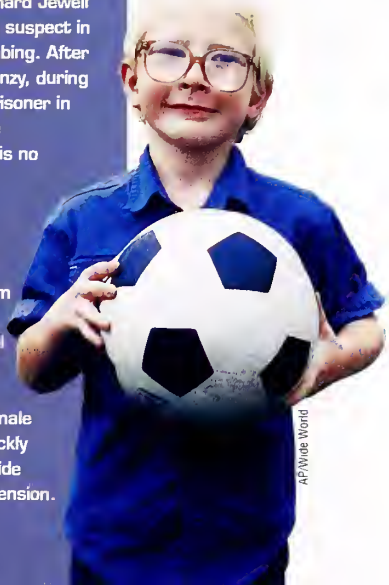
All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.

AP/Wide World

Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

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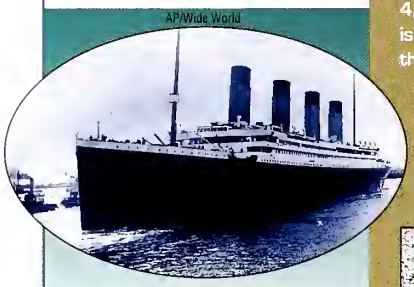

An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

NASA

In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.

NASA

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.

AP/Wide World

NASA

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

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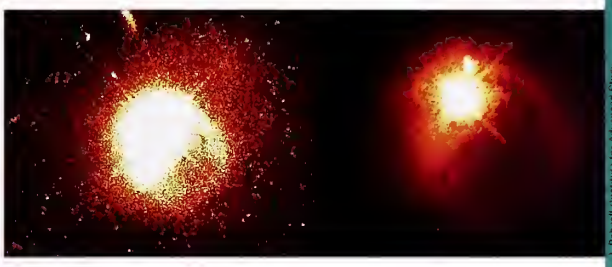
© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium. Photography by Randy Wilder

California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.



J. Bahcall (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) and NASA

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.

AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O_2 Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

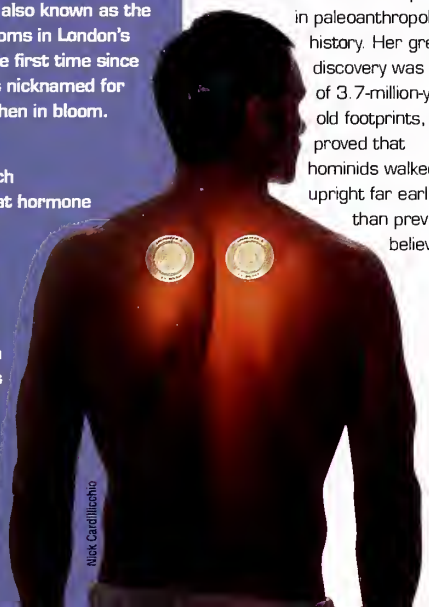
AP/Wide World

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.

UPI/ Corbis-Bettmann

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Cardillicchio

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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

AP/Wide World

"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

AP/Wide World

In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.

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Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Steve Granitz, Retna

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."

AP/Wide World

Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.

AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.

John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at $500 to $700, sell for $211,500, bringing the auction total to $34.5 million.

AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

AP/Wide World

Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

Reuters/Archive Photos

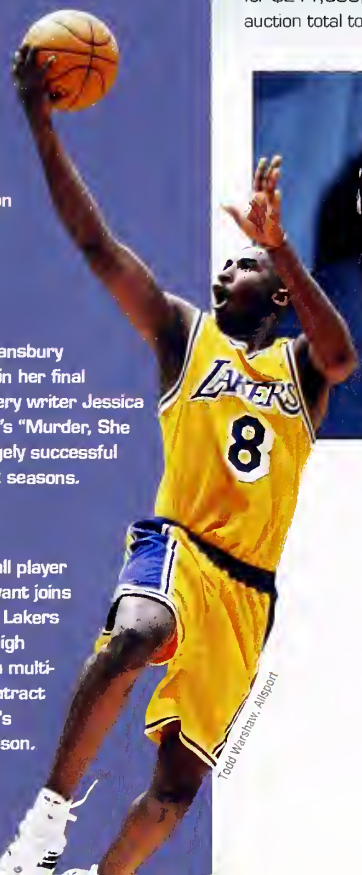
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.

Lee / Archive Photos

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Todd Warshaw, Allsport

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.

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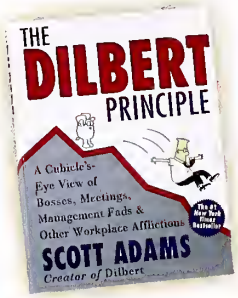
Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

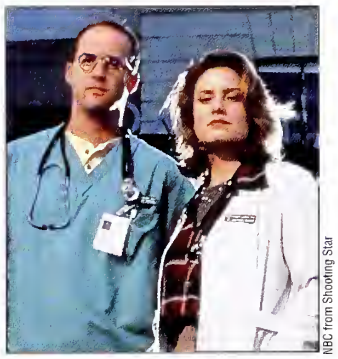
NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



NBC from Shooting Star

Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.

Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.

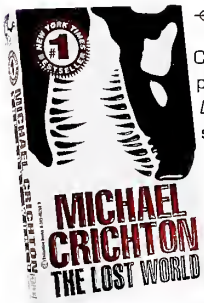
Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).

NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.

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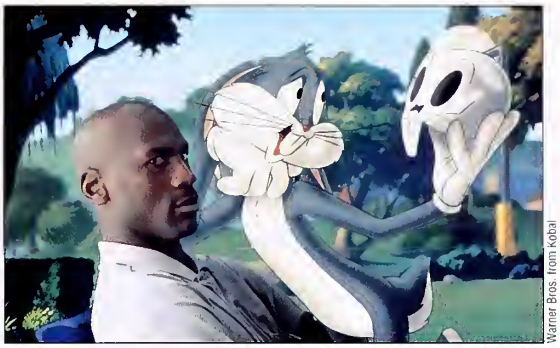

Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day,* one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

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In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet.*

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible,* based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.

Warner Bros. from Kobal

CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Paramount from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.

Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Kipa, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).

Jane Huntington, LGI

Gary Malerba, LGI

Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.

Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.

Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.

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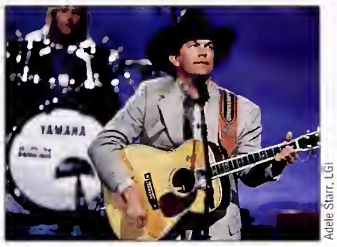
After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.

Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.

Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI

Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.

Neal Preston, Retna

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Adele Starr, LGI

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.

AP / Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."

Beck, LGI

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Canapress

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.

Al Bello, Allsport

AP/Wide World

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated $40 million.

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Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Craig Jones, Allsport

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.

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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.

AP/Wide World

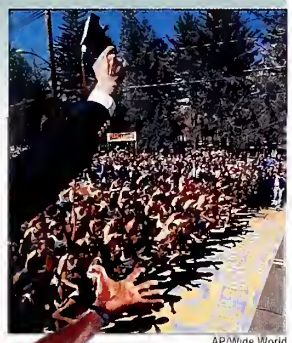
The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.

AP/Wide World

Al Bello, Allsport

U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

Al Bello, Allsport

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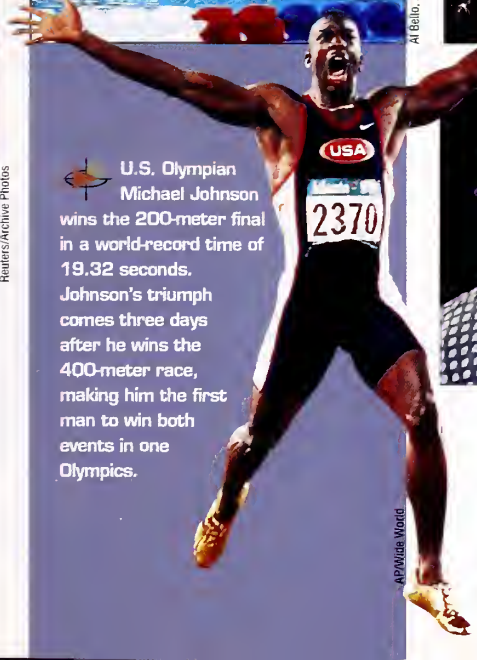
Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



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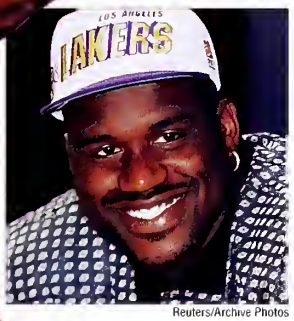
U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal $120 million over 7 years.

LIFESTYLE

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flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

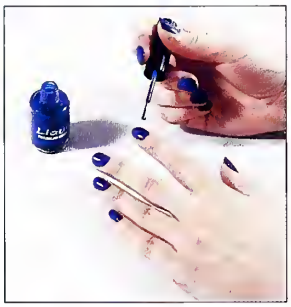
Monica Almeida, NYT Pictur

My Twinn Doll Company

The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.

The minimum wage is raised to $4.75 in October, and will increase again to $5.15, effective September 1, 1997



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's *101 Dalmatians* inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.

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